

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.
Account: Higher Education (includes
FIPSE).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trinity University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One Trinity Place, #48, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Description of Request: I have secured \$285,000 for Trinity University. The funding would be used for creating an Educators' Technology Teaching Laboratory. This facility will incorporate advanced networking, utilizing laptop PCs and easily reconfigurable furnishings enabling rapid reconfiguration targeting teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade public schools in the South Texas Region. The project is intended to demonstrate the effectiveness of this approach and to be a model of how to prepare teachers to work with technology in the classroom. The remaining funds for the project will be supplemented by Trinity University Resources. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of the Incarnate Word.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4301 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Description of Request: I have secured \$285,000 for the East Side Community Clinic. The funding would be used to build and establish a new health care facility that will provide vital medical services, such as pharmaceutical, nursing, and nutrition counseling, currently unavailable or inaccessible to many in the area. The East Side Community Clinic will be supported by the University of the Incarnate Word and the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital. It is my understanding that besides the requested appropriations amount, the San Antonio community, local and state foundations, and corporations will be cultivated for gifts and grants to fund this clinic. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: ARS Building and Facilities.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kerr Economic Development Foundation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1700 Sidney Baker, Suite 100, Kerrville, Texas 78028.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,957,000 for the Knipling-Bushland Laboratory in Kerr County, TX. The funding will be used to complete design and engineering for a modern laboratory for critical research to create technology and information to support the needs of APHIS/VS Fever Tick Eradication Program, the U.S. cattle industry, public health to discover new methods to control ticks biting flies of veterinary importance and ticks of medical importance. The City of Kerrville's Economic Improvement Corporation has agreed to fund carrying costs up to \$525,000 for the land purchased by the Kerr Economic Development Foundation for \$1.2 million which will be used as a location for the facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus.

Account: U.S. Department of Transportation/FHWA/Federal-Aid Highways, Federal Lands.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Military Transformation Task Force (MTTF) of San Antonio.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 South Flores Street, San Antonio, TX 78283.

Description of Request: I have secured \$950,000 for the City of San Antonio's Fort Sam Houston Access: Rittiman/Harry Wurzbach Corridor Improvements. To prepare for BRAC expansion, the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) coordinated a study to identify improvement alternatives to transportation systems immediately surrounding Fort Sam Houston. Funding will be used to extend, widen, and restripe Harry Wurzbach Road and Rittiman Road. State/local funds will be used as necessary to complete the system of improvements identified in the MPO Traffic Study. Recently, the City of San Antonio passed a \$550 million bond program, and there are funds dedicated to many of the transportation projects around Ft. Sam Houston. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

STATEMENT IN MEMORIAL OF OFFICER JOHN PAWLOWSKI

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, on February 13, 2009, Officer John Pawlowski, a five-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department, was shot and killed while responding to a report of a disturbance.

Officer Pawlowski, who was only 25, left behind a wife, Kim, with whom he was eagerly anticipating the birth of their first child in just a few months. He worked in the 35th Police District, and was known by his friends and colleagues as "a good cop."

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter said Pawlowski was a "hero" and that his loss was "felt by all Philadelphians."

The Philadelphia Inquirer said Pawlowski "served this city with merit."

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said Pawlowski's death was "absolutely devastating to all of us."

Officer Pawlowski came from a police family. His brother, Robert, is a Corporal who works in the police radio room and his father is a retired lieutenant with the Special Victims Unit. He was a family man who considered the Police Department part of his family.

Now Officer Pawlowski joins Officer Gary Skreski, Officer Chuck Cassidy, Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, Officer Isabel Nazario, Sergeant Patrick McDonald, and Sergeant Tim Simpson as Philadelphia Police that have been killed in the line of duty since 2006.

The sacrifices that all of these brave individuals have made to keep Philadelphia safe from criminals cannot be repaid. These guardians must be remembered and honored. They are examples for all Philadelphians and all Americans about the virtues of honor, integrity, and service.

I ask that the House of Representatives extend its condolences to Kim Pawlowski, her family, and the Philadelphia Police Department for another devastating loss.

We will never forget you, Officer John Pawlowski. Rest in peace.

HONORING THE CHELSEA LUMBER COMPANY FOR THE 2008 LARGE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today the Chelsea Lumber Company as they receive the 2008 Large Business Leadership Award by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Chelsea Lumber Company is one of Chelsea's oldest businesses having celebrated their 100th anniversary in May of 2008. A recent acquisition assisted with positioning Chelsea Lumber Company as southeast Michigan's largest home center with the largest inventory of any lumberyard in the region. On a local level, Chelsea Lumber Company contributes immensely to the economic impact of the City of Chelsea. Chelsea Lumber Company has been a longtime member of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and their community involvement includes providing employment for many area youth and donating their materials to many local groups for projects and events. Many of their staff contributes their time serving on numerous community committees and donating their time at many Chelsea area sporting events. The owners have all remained or come back to Chelsea after college to raise their families, proving their belief in this community's values. It is with deep appreciation for their many contributions that I congratulate and commend the Chelsea Lumber Company for their faithful commitment to service and quality and wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: The Renaissance Pointe YMCA.

Entity: YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne.

Address: 347 W. Berry, Suite 500, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Amount: \$142,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: This project would provide a landmark facility in a depressed area to help children and families through education, arts, and recreation programs. Similar revitalization efforts have been successful in the state of Indiana, and this project can be used as a model for revitalization in depressed areas across the United States. Federal appropriations are needed for the following reasons: (1) the high cost of preparing a Brownfield site for construction, which would not be applicable under normal circumstances; (2) those in the community directly served by this YMCA are prevented from making large contributions to this project due to socioeconomic circumstances.

Finance Plan: All of the funds would be used for construction on the Brownfield site.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Fort Wayne International Runway 5–23 Shoulder Reconstruction Project.

Entity: Fort Wayne Allen County Airport Authority.

Address: Lt. Paul Baer Terminal, Suite 209 Fort Wayne, IN 46809–3194.

Amount: \$817,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: As a result of the Annual Airport Certification/Safety Inspection conducted on September 5–6, 2006, the following comment/recommendation was provided by Birkely M. Rhodes, Airport Certification/Safety Inspector (AC/SI): “The Runway 5–23 shoulders have deteriorated well beyond maintenance levels. Plan and program a repaving project.”

This proposed reconstruction project would allow the airport to be in compliance with the above AC/SI recommendation. This project will provide for the reconstruction of approximately 5,150 lineal feet of existing shoulders, adjacent to Runway 5–23, with new 25' paved asphalt shoulders. The project scope will include the removal of the existing shoulders, grading/drainage improvements, new runway edge lights, and paving of the new shoulders.

Finance Plan: Specific to this request, about \$4M has been spent on this project over the last 3 years, in the first two phases. The local source of funding is Airport Revenues. The requested funding would be allocated to the Construction and Services During Construction (inspection) contracts, as well as reimbursement for Design contract to the Authority. All costs identified and incurred are AIP-eligible.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Career and Technical Education Program.

Entity: Grace College and Seminary.

Address: 200 Seminary Lane, Suite 333, Winona Lake, 46590.

Amount: \$95,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: Funds will provide a more non-traditional education opportunity for adult learners through special programs that can be accessed electronically as well as on site during evenings and weekends. This program will help better educate the workforce of northern Indiana, and provide access to educational opportunities to minorities and other underserved segments of the population. Northern Indiana is one of the hardest hit areas in the country during this economic downturn.

Finance Plan:

Budget

Equipment	\$30,000
Course prep	60,000
Administration	250,000
Learning House fees	70,000
Training	50,000
Faculty	150,000
Project sustainability	500,000
Marketing	140,000

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Literacy and Graduation Rate Improvement for Goshen's English as a Second Language (ESL) Students.

Entity: Goshen Community Schools.

Address: 721 E. Purl St., Goshen, IN 46526.

Amount: \$285,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: These funds will allow Goshen Community schools to purchase and implement a technology system that will help our schools' ESL students overcome their language barriers to learning and improve their literacy skills so they can successfully graduate from school on time with their English speaking peers. Goshen Community Schools is a public school corporation in northern Indiana with a high percentage (currently 37 percent) of ESL students.

Finance Plan:

Program Description	Budget Amount
Staff Development (SIOP) Training	\$20,000
Substitutes for Teachers being Trained	4,000
Staff Trainer integration of computer software	78,000
Computer Hardware and ESL Software	165,000
Curriculum Resources	4,000
Literacy Materials for middle and high school	14,000
	285,000

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Middlebury Economic Development.

Entity: Town of Middlebury/ Redevelopment Commission.

Address: 418 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 812, Middlebury, IN 46540.

Amount: \$95,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: This money will help Middlebury develop a comprehensive city plan for economic development that takes into account infrastructure needs, land use planning, downtown redevelopment while balancing the needs of the large Amish population with that of the larger community.

Finance Plan: All of the funds will be used to construct a comprehensive city plan for economic development.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Energy Efficient Electronics Cooling Project.

Entity: Parker Hannifin/Climate Systems Division.

Address: 10801 Rose Avenue, New Haven, Indiana 46774.

Amount: \$951,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: The national significance of this project relates to the expressed goal of Congress and the White House to reduce energy consumption in this country to further enhance our national energy security. Due to the national interest in energy security, one of the focuses of the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is the improvement of heating and cooling systems in buildings. The website quotes this important goal as follows: “By conducting R&D in cooperation with industry partners, DOE seeks to accelerate the development and introduction of highly efficient heating, ventilating, refrigeration, and air-conditioning systems, and water-heating technologies.” (<http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/tech/hvac/>)

The Energy Efficient Electronics Cooling Project will further this important federal goal by involving industry partners in research and development to accelerate the development

and introduction of highly efficient air-conditioning systems, especially for data centers. The project will also advance national security by reducing the vulnerability of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems by reducing or eliminating the risk of mechanical failure of systems due to heat-induced data management failure. Because of these national benefits, the federal government rightly deserves a facilitating role in this technology's realization.

Finance Plan: All of the funds will be used in research and development to accelerate the development and introduction of highly efficient air-conditioning systems, especially for data centers

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Bass Modernization Initiative.

Entity: University of St. Francis.

Address: 2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Amount: \$100,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1903 Bass Mansion, the former home of local industrialist John Bass, is an architectural wonder with winding staircases, original wall coverings and painted murals, hand-carved fireplaces, and other amenities unique to the Victorian era. The University is seeking to restore the Bass Mansion to its rightful place as one of Fort Wayne's great community resources.

Federal funds to support this project will enable the University to re-open the Bass Mansion to the community in a significant way, with historic collections on display and rooms available for community-based events.

Finance Plan: A recent survey by an architectural and engineering firm has identified a three-phase renovation and restoration plan at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000. Specific priorities include: general roof stabilization as well as replacement of flat roofs; foundation repair, a drainage system and sealing; mechanical/electrical replacement and updating; elevator installation; selected interior wall surface treatment; floor and stair repair; mortar joint pointing and repair, and door and window repair. St. Francis University has a fundraising effort underway, with more than \$2,500,000 already raised.

Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Health Sciences Laboratory Construction and Equipment Initiative.

Entity: University of Saint Francis.

Address: 2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Amount: \$190,000.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: The national shortage of nurses and other health care professionals is well documented. The University of Saint Francis has built a strong reputation as an educational leader in the health care industry. The university seeks to graduate high quality students with strong backgrounds in areas of great need to the medical profession, especially nursing. Through its undergraduate and graduate teaching, laboratory experiences and community outreach efforts, the University contributes significantly to the advancement of scientific learning and skilled health care professionals working in both the Fort Wayne region and nationwide.

Federal resources to support this initiative will further enhance the value of education in

the biological and health sciences and the quality of the professional healthcare workforce in the Fort Wayne Region. The University of Saint Francis plans to construct a health sciences laboratory and purchase needed equipment in order to provide the next generation of health care professionals with the most modern and technologically up-to-date education possible.

Finance Plan: Funds will be used for the construction of a health sciences laboratory and to purchase needed equipment.

COMMENDING BILL BALLAGH FOR
HIS 2008 SMALL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today Bill Ballagh of State Farm Insurance as he receives the 2008 Small Business Leadership Award by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. On a local level, Bill is a strong supporter of many events in the Chelsea community. He is an active board member of the Chelsea Senior Center and has been a valuable source of ideas and advice for the board in both the financial aspect and the improved image for the Center and its programs. Many local agencies and fundraisers have appreciated Bill's support by allowing them to promote their projects in his windows and the side of his downtown office building.

Bill goes above and beyond when it comes to serving his customers. As he writes and reviews policies for customers, he may direct them elsewhere if he feels they may be better served—without financial gain for himself and also points out ways that policies written by others can be improved upon to better meet their needs, again, without financial gain for himself. Bill has served Chelsea since 1996 in his business and consistently goes the extra mile making his clients feel they're more than just part of a business relationship.

It is with deep appreciation for his many contributions that I congratulate and commend Bill Ballagh of State Farm Insurance for his faithful commitment to service and quality and wish him and his family the best in all their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009. These earmarks are contained in Division C—Energy and Water Development:

SOUTHWEST COASTAL LOUISIANA HURRICANE PROTECTION, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$956,000 to advance the authorized Southwest Coastal Louisiana Hurricane Protection, LA project. The Corps is directed to expedite the study under the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. The funds will be used to continue the feasibility phase including the Chenier Plain Sustainability Initiative. Activities include plan formulation, hydrology and hydraulic analyses, economic inventory, environmental analyses, and stakeholder and public involvement.

CALCASIEU LOCK, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$574,000 to advance the authorized feasibility study for the Calcasieu Lock, LA project. The study is needed to replace the lock. Funds will be used to address economic and environmental concerns. A rate review will be undertaken to determine the economic impacts of the without-project conditions, and will be accompanied by an analysis to identify impacts from flooding of agricultural areas. The Calcasieu Lock is a bottleneck on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway system in Louisiana, causing delays in transportation and interstate commerce.

CALCASIEU RIVER AND PASS NAVIGATION, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$155,000 for the authorized Calcasieu River and Pass Navigation, LA project. The study is needed to investigate ways to improve navigation on the Calcasieu Ship Channel by adding passing lanes and anchorage areas. Currently only one-way traffic is allowed because of the narrow channel and hazardous cargo. The funds will be used to complete the feasibility study and initiate the PED phase. Additional beneficiaries include the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District and the users of the Calcasieu River Ship Channel.

CALCASIEU RIVER BASIN

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$75,000 to advance the authorized feasibility study and initiate the PED. The study is needed to investigate methods of providing flood control and environmental enhancement measures in the Calcasieu River Basin. Additional funds could be used to initiate the plans and specs for the first construction contract. Other beneficiaries include the residents of Calcasieu Parish.

LCA—ECOSYSTEMS RESTORATION, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$8,604,000 to advance the studies for the authorized Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Ecosystems Restoration, LA project. The funding is needed to continue eleven feasibility studies and initiate six PED studies. Activities include completing and submitting to the Secretary a final report on the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program Feasibility Program, completing identification of initial BUDMat projects; beginning plans and specs on Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration project; and continuing studies initiated in FY08. Additional beneficiaries include residents of Louisiana.

CALCASIEU RIVER AND PASS, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$13,894,000 for the authorized Calcasieu River and Pass, LA project. Funds are needed to keep international commerce moving without delays and light loadings. Funds will be used to operate and maintain the Calcasieu River Salt Water Barrier and the channel, dredge bar channel, dredge mile 5 to 17 and Devil's Elbow, foreshore dike construction for protection of disposal areas and to reduce shoaling, and maintenance of dredged material disposal facilities. Additional beneficiaries include the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District and the users of the Calcasieu River Ship Channel.

FRESHWATER BAYOU, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$1,716,000 for the authorized Freshwater Bayou, LA project. The lock is crucial to support offshore oil industry to provide the necessary fuel, supplies and food to offshore oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, and also to support commercial fishing. The funds will be used for operations and maintenance and to dredge two critical reaches to support the energy infrastructure along the Freshwater Bayou, LA.

MERMENTAU RIVER, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$1,828,000 for the authorized Mermentau River, LA project. Funding is required to dredge and continue ongoing repairs along the Mermentau River, including operations of Catfish Point and Schooner Bayou Control Structures, maintenance of the control structures, including water control data systems, real estate, and dredge Mermentau Bar Channel, and boat-house replacement at CPCS.